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Third Appellate District to Hear Oral Argument in Lassen County

First Educational Program of Its Kind in Lassen County

Sacramento—As part of its award-winning community outreach program, the Court of Appeal for the Third Appellate District will hear oral argument in Lassen County on Wednesday, May 2, 2007, Administrative Presiding Justice Arthur G. Scotland has announced. This is the first time that a Court of Appeal session has been held in Lassen County.

This session will begin at 9:30 a.m. at the Susanville Veteran's Memorial Hall, 1205 Main Street, across the street from Lassen High School, Susanville. All interested members of the public, attorneys, and judges are welcome to attend.

Two cases will be heard, one from Placer County and the other from Lassen County:

- *People of the State of California v. Stacey Victoria Scott, C051939*, Placer County. Defendant Scott appeals from judgment of conviction for burglary and receiving stolen property, claiming that trial counsel failed to properly present a motion to suppress evidence obtained in a warrantless entry into her residence.
- *Pit River Tribe v. Milford Donaldson, et al., C051902*, Lassen County. The Pit River Tribe appeals from dismissal of its complaint alleging that state agencies wrongfully disposed of archeologically significant Native American artifacts and remains in the course of a highway reconstruction project.

As part of this educational experience for high school students, justices of the Third Appellate District will meet with students and teachers on Tuesday, May 1, to discuss the court's appellate process and function. Mr. Dan Lewis, Lassen County Superintendent of Schools, suggested the location and arranged for high school students to attend the proceedings.

That evening, justices, court staff, and local dignitaries will attend an educational and social event.

The Third Appellate District ordinarily holds oral argument at its courtroom in the Library and Courts Building, 914 Capitol Mall, Sacramento. Twenty-three counties comprise the Third Appellate District: Alpine, Amador, Butte, Calaveras, Colusa, El Dorado, Glenn, Lassen, Modoc, Mono, Nevada, Placer, Plumas, Sacramento, San Joaquin, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou, Sutter, Tehama, Trinity, Yolo, and Yuba.

For more information, call Deena C. Fawcett, Clerk/Administrator of the Court of Appeal, Third Appellate District, at 916-653-0187.

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